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PATENT APPLICATION

Atty Docket No. 15966-577A CIP3 (Cura-77A CIP3)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Shimkets, *et al.*FOR: GROWTH FACTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING UTILITY APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b).
This application is a:
☒ Continuation-in-part of prior application U.S.S.N. 09/715,332, filed on 16 November 2000.
2. Priority to the above application(s) is claimed under:
☒ 35 U.S.C. §120

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

3. ☒ Specification and Drawings (Total pages: 153) including:
Specification (147 pages); Claims (5 pages); Abstract (1 page); and
Drawings: 29 sheets; FIGS. 1-29.
☐ Formal
☒ Informal
4. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission:
5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
6. ☒ Oath or Declaration (Total pages: 4):
(a) ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney - unexecuted (original)
(b) ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
7. ☐ Incorporation by Reference (*can use if Box 6(b) is checked*)
The entire Disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 6(b), is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

8. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (5 pages)
☒ Duplicate copies of Form PTO-1449 (4 pages x 2)
☐ Copies of references cited

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Request for Continuing Nonprovisional Application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

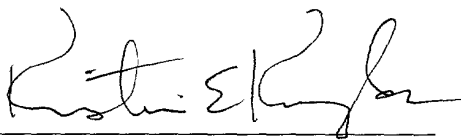
10. ☒ Small Entity Status
☒ Claiming Small Entity As Small Business Concern (37 C.F.R. §§1.9(f) & 1.27(c)).

11. Fee Calculation:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	47	- 20 =	27	\$ 18.00	\$ 486.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	12	- 3 =	9	\$80.00	\$ 720.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))				\$270.00	
				SUBTOTAL:	\$1916 .00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:	- \$958 .00
				TOTAL FEE:	\$958 .00

12. ☒ A check in the amount of **\$958.00** is enclosed.
13. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-577A CIP3:
- ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16;
 - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17;
 - ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.18.
15. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard Enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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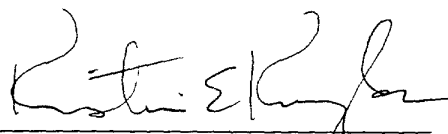
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